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1. [REDACTED] at a conference which was held by leading functionaries of training units of the Sport und Technik organization (GST) [REDACTED] Anger in Erfurt, Kurt Gerbel, secretary of the GST Kreisleitung, denied rumors that the GST as well as the KVP would be dissolved. He demanded that all training activities be preceded by political indoctrination and stated that all functionaries had to be completely informed on the morale and mood of their units. The conference resolved that detailed pertinent reports be submitted to the GST Kreisleitung [REDACTED] and that these reports contain information on GST members who fled to the West. The numbers of the membership cards of these members as well as a list of documents they had in their possession were also demanded. 25X1
2. The conference resolved further that all basic units turn in their weapons and ammunition to the headquarters; that all vehicles except five motorcycles which were to remain available to the Kreisleitung be also turned in and that small units be permitted by way of exception to turn in their arms equipment to the BPO (Enterprise Party Organization) functionaries. 25X1
3. The conference agreed that all previous slogans, emblems, training schedules, and documents indicative of para-military training be either removed or changed to give the organization the appearance of a civilian organization interested chiefly in athletic activities and tourism. An order issued at the conference demanded that the GST do not appear in groups or columns and perform individual training, with weapons and equipment transported to firing ranges by only two or three members.
4. Minutes taken at the conference indicated that only 60 motorcycles were available to 2,500 members of the training unit and that therefore young members had to be detached to units performing training on firing, air and sea activities. They also indicated that a new radio

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section equipped with all sorts of equipment for radio, telephone and teletype communication was being established on Regierungs Strasse at the Platz der Deutsch-Sowjetischen Freundschaft in Erfurt and that the firing ranges in Steiger had been made available for the GST and were enlarged from 45 to 50 meters.

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5. [REDACTED] the Sport und Technik functionary of Bauunion Potsdam made known that, effective immediately, the GST badge which showed a rifle as symbol be no longer worn and no longer issued. He also demanded that no rifles be shown in public or taken to private apartments and, instead, be stored at enterprises. He also said that no guests would be admitted to firing training.

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[REDACTED] Comment. The information discredits rumors of the deactivation of the Sport und Technik organization. The measures indicated by the present report, which were partially ordered [REDACTED] serve the purpose of disguising as far as possible any para-military training.

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